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Regional Administrator
US EPA Region 5
Sites Notification
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Sir:

NL Industries, Inc. has completed and encloses 44 "EPA Notification of Hazardous Wastes Site" forms, each of which identifies a site within your region where hazardous waste may have been stored or disposed of. Certain facilities were or are owned by subsidiaries, whether wholly or majority owned; some of these subsidiaries have been liquidated, and some have not. For convenience of reference, all notifications are being made in the name of the parent, NL Industries, Inc. In some cases our information is incomplete as to dates that old facilities started and/or ceased operations. In most of these cases the facility no longer exists.

NL was formed in 1891 by the merger of a number of independent lead or related product manufacturers, some of which may have been in business for over a century previous to 1891. We have not attempted to complete forms for facilities not operated since 1891, because of doubt regarding the obligation to do so, and our general lack of any specific information regarding such sites. Similarly, we are generally unable to trace the corporate history of companies which were acquired and therefore have not included facilities which were disposed of by such companies prior to the date of acquisition by NL.

A number of our filings are precautionary and are based on uncertainty induced by the absence of regulatory guidance in interpreting non-specific statutory language. Accordingly, our "estimates", "suspicions", and "presumptions" whether or not labeled should not be construed as admissions that the activities described took place, or had the described consequences, or that NL is in any way responsible for such activities or consequences. In most such cases, we expressly disclaim responsibility.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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